

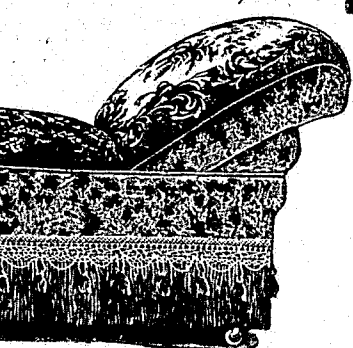
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The Bethel News.

VOLUME VIII.—NUMBER 48.

BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1903.

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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Fast Day to-morrow.
Lottie Mills called upon friends Friday.

Mr. A. G. Wiley is at home for a week's vacation.

O. H. Sawtelle is pleasantly located on lower Main street.

The advance division of river-drivers is in camp at the toll bridge.

Mrs. Jane Tyler died at her home at Walker's Mills yesterday morning.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. M. Philbrook Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Clyde Emery spent Tuesday in the city shopping.

Master Winfield Wight of Milan, N. H., has been visiting his uncle, Dr. J. H. Wight.

Mr. Albert Copeland who has been very sick with the measles, is able to be out.

Miss Marie Balentine visited at Grace Stowell's and Helen Burgess' last week.

Fred B. Merrill of Harvard Law School, is spending a brief vacation in town.

Mr. Charles L. Davis has moved into the house on High street, recently purchased from W. E. Abbott.

Miss Helen Burgess has been obliged to stay out of school for the past week on account of sickness.

Arnold Abbott who has been visiting his grandmother in West Paris, returned home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John Coolidge was confined to her bed last week with the grip. She was attended by Dr. Twaddle, and is somewhat better.

J. F. Coolidge has returned from the Lakes where he has been employed for the past few months.

Miss Vera Merrill has returned from Florida and is enjoying a few weeks with relatives in Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Merton Farwell are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, which occurred last Monday.

Miss Brann of Wood & Brann will be with Miss Burnham on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The store will be open on Fast Day as usual.

Mr. Charles G. Mason of Norway, died at his home Monday, after suffering from poor health for some time. Mr. Mason was a former resident of Bethel being the son of the late Mighill Mason.

Mr. Moses Mason, Mrs. Angella Clark, Miss Rose Kimball, and Mrs. C. M. Kimball went to Norway to-day to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Charles G. Mason, which occurred this afternoon.

A call for reliable, energetic men to engage in a business both permanent and profitable is made in the card, "Tree Agents Wanted," as it appears in another column.

Agents wanted! That's just it, and wanted by a well known and reliable Auburn business house and at good pay. We call special attention to the ad of Homer N. Chase & Co., which appears on page 8 to-day. If you want a good job, write or go down and see these people.

The last meeting of the Columbian Club, for the present season, will be held at the home of the president, Miss True, on Saturday, April 25. Members are requested to send, as soon as possible, their list of officers for the ensuing year to the nominating committee which is composed of Mrs. A. E. Herriek, Mrs. Gilbert Tuell and Miss Wright.

Dr. N. J. Gehring of Congress St., Portland, started last Thursday for Silver City, New Mexico. He has been engaged by a wealthy and influential citizen of Augusta, as medical attendant and adviser for his son. Dr. Gehring will be gone about two months, and during his absence, Mrs. Gehring will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wiley.

Schools throughout the town began last Monday.

Miss Olive Wheeler has been spending a few days in Norway.

Mrs. Marcia Hastings has been confined to her home by a very severe cold.

Walter Holmes of Lincoln, has been spending a few days with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howe of Middle Intervale, are confined to the house with grip.

Mrs. Harry Jordan and son Elmon were in Portland Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Elmer Trask and her sister, Miss Jennie Swan, called on friends in the village recently.

E. L. Arno and David Cummings went to Minot, Monday, to work for Payson Rich & Co.

Rev. F. C. Potter succeeds Rev. O. S. Pillsbury as pastor of the M. E. church for the coming year.

Miss Ethel Farwell is teaching the school at Greenwood City in which she substituted last winter.

Miss Sarah Mason went to Machiasport last Saturday where she has a position as teacher in the grammar school.

Dayton Merrill started for Boston, Tuesday; he has secured employment there and will remain during the summer.

Repairs are rapidly going on in the twin-houses on Elm street. Mr. Gunther is to move into the one vacated by J. O. Sanborn.

Mr. A. Lincoln Kirk, impersonator, of New York, will appear in Odeon Hall on Thursday evening, April 30. See posters and flyers.

Miss Grace Chapman came from Portland, Sunday, and went to West Bethel Monday, where she is teaching the spring term of school.

Miss Ruth Bean, Miss Sara Chapman and Mr. Lon Chapman attended the Circle at Porter Farwell's, East Bethel, last Friday evening.

A. Lincoln Kirk's high class monologue entertainment, portraying the sublime and ludicrous, will be given in Odeon Hall on Thursday evening, April 30. Mr. Kirk is one of the most popular entertainers, and those who fail to hear and see his great characterizations will miss an unusual treat. Reserved seat ticket, 35 cents, will be on sale at Wiley's Drug Store from Monday until Thursday evening. General admission, 25 cents. Children's tickets, 15 cents. Come early for the best seats.

Fatal Accident at No. Woodstock.

While Mr. Edson Whitman of North Woodstock was harrowing on a side hill piece of land on Friday, with a spring-tooth harrow, the harrow caught upon a stone and when it gave way the tension was so great that it threw the harrow upon the horses. The horses became frightened and ran away, bringing up on an apple tree, the tree being between the two horses. In the struggle one of the horses plunged and fell upon Mr. Whitman. A boy gave the alarm, but when help arrived Whitman was dead underneath one of the horses. Mr. Alvah Andrews, the undertaker, says that the chest of the deceased was filled with blood. This is the second man who has been killed by a horse falling upon him in this vicinity within the last three months.

Hotel proprietor (to waiter)—Did you give that tourist his bill?

Waiter—Yes.

Proprietor—Impossible; he is still whistling.

For Sale.

The Needham house, corner of Main and Chapman Sts. Will be sold at a bargain if sold before May 1. Inquire of F. E. Needham on the premises.

BORN.

In Bethel, April 20, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farwell, a daughter.

MARRIED.

At the M. E. parsonage, Rumford Centre, by Rev. H. C. Munson, Mr. Edwin Kimball Martin of Rumford, and Miss Lura Eva Swett of Bethel.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Have you seen those bamboo book racks at L. O. Hall's? They are just what you have been looking for. Also easels, corner brackets, wall cabinets, etc., all in bamboo.

Do not fail to look at the Shirt Waist cloths at 20c. per yard at E. E. Burnham's.

Come in and see the New Millinery, Beads, Neckwear and Laces arriving at E. E. Burnham's every week.

Have you seen those washable collars for 15c. at L. M. Stearns?

Just received—The newest thing in shirt waist sets, also a nice line of corsets at L. M. Stearns.

New hats this week at L. M. Stearns.

G. A. Basket-Ball Team Exit.

It was a merry company that gathered at the parlors of Prospect Inn last Saturday evening to celebrate in a fitting way the close of the basket-ball season of '03 at "Old Gould's."

The hard work of practice, the disappointment of defeat and the joy of victory were now all forgotten and bright and animated was every face in the brilliantly lighted room, warmed by the cheerful glow of the huge fire in the big brick fireplace.

After an hour spent in social conversations, the doors of the dining room were opened and the tastily arranged tables were quickly filled. The discussion of the dainties, followed by some impromptu toasts occupied the attention of all till a late hour and at its close Miss Hastings, in behalf of the basket-ball team, presented Mr. Dyer with a beautiful scarf pin as a token of appreciation of the work that he had done for the team.

Games and dancing now made the minutes pass rapidly and all too soon came the hour of departing when each one said his or her "good night" with the thought that this had been one of the most pleasant gatherings of the year. The sincere thanks of all are due to Mr. and Mrs. Lord and all the others at Prospect Inn who by their interest and kindness aided in every way to make the occasion a pleasant one.

Those present were Principal and Mrs. Hanscom, Associate-Principal Dyer, Misses Williams and Lynds, the Assistants, Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Mrs. D. S. Hastings and Mrs. D. C. Philbrook as patronesses, and from the school Misses Hastings, Stanley, Morse, Carter, Whidden, Wiley, Arno and Hall, and Messrs. Weed, Gehring, Earle Philbrook, Brooks, Blanchard, J. Carter, G. Carter, Purlington and Hutchins.

To The Selectmen of the Town of Bethel.

The undersigned, the Androscoggin Lakes Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maine, respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to locate, erect and maintain lines of telephone poles with wires and cables thereon, with the necessary supporting and sustaining fixtures and appurtenances required therein, within, along and upon such streets and highways in said Bethel as shall be required by said Company in performing the service for which it was incorporated.

The streets and highways within, along and upon which the said Company petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect its poles as aforesaid are as follows:—Main and Church streets in Bethel Hill village and the highway leading from said village across the Androscoggin river, thence down said river through Mayville, Swan's Corner and by the house of Mrs. N. Trask to the town line between Bethel and Newry.

Praying your Honorable Board that this petition may receive your favorable consideration, the same is respectfully submitted.

ANDROSCOGGIN LAKES TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO., by HENRIK & PARK its attorneys.

Upon the foregoing application to us, we, the Selectmen of Bethel do hereby appoint Saturday, May 9, 1903, at two o'clock p. m., at the Selectmen's office in Bethel, the time and place of hearing thereon, and order that said application with this order of notice thereon be published in the Bethel News, a newspaper published in said Bethel, fourteen days prior to said date of hearing. No personal notice need be given.

S. B. TWICHELL, } Selectmen
C. E. BAKER }
F. J. RUSSELL, } Bethel.

Every-day Items For Home Furnishing.

We are unloading a carload of Chair Bargains for the Dining Room. Hardwood, nicely finished, 60c, 80c, 90c and \$1.00

CANE SEAT DINERS,

Frames oak, \$1.15, \$1.25 to \$2.00

LARGE COMFORTABLE

ROCKERS, \$2.00, \$2.50 to \$10

CHILDREN'S HIGH CHAIRS,

90 Cents, \$1.25 to \$4.00

RATTAN ROCKING CHAIRS,

Full size, \$2.50 to \$10.00

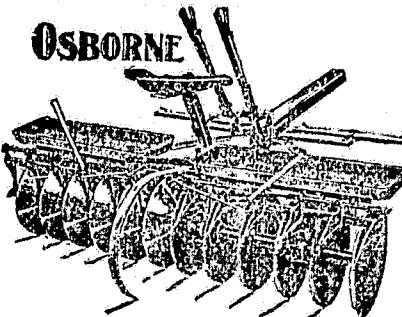
There is no furniture want too simple for us to supply—and few too elaborate for our splendid big stock to show a generous assortment to select from.

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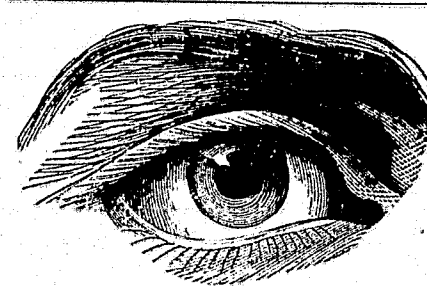
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Card.

I desire to state to the public that I have secured the services of my brother, C. W. Hall, who will assist me in my shop during the summer. Assuring all that we shall serve them to the very best of our ability, I desire to thank them for generous patronage in the past and respectfully solicit the same in the future.

L. A. HALL.

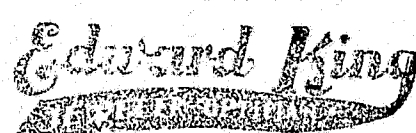


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NOTICE.

The schools in the town of Newry will open Monday, April 27. Examination of teachers will be held on Saturday, April 25.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
Newry, Me., April 7. 3w46

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Millinery, Fancy Goods and Jewelry,
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HERRICK & PARK,
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BETHEL, ME.

H. H. HASTINGS,
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A. W. GROVER,
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J. B. TWADDELE, M. D.,
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DR. GARDINER L. STURDIVANT,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,
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DR. I. H. WIGHT,
Physician and Surgeon,
Office in Residence at
Wormell Stand, BETHEL, MAINE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect Dec. 7, 1902.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30 1.15
Gorham,	4.00	8.20 3.00
Gilead,	...	8.38 3.33
West Bethel,	...	8.47 3.44
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53 3.50
Lockes Mills,	...	9.00 4.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05 4.10
South Paris,	5.38	9.30 4.48
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30 5.30
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.15 6.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10
Boston, via boat,	...	3.00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	3.38	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.28	4.10	9.18
Lockes Mills,	10.35	4.18	9.26
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.48
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.58
Gorham,	11.33	5.40	10.25
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50	1.00
Montreal,	6.50	...	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	...	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	...	7.20

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NANCY
HANNIGAN'S
SUITORS.

By Seumas MacManus.

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NANCY HANNIGAN was the one daughter of Seumas and Nelly Hannigan. Nancy as she grew up developed such an attractive appearance that she was dubbed "the flower of Dhrí-mór." Ere yet Nancy was mature she had to go the way of the young women (and young men, too) of our Donegal seaboard—she had to go over the mountains to hire with the Scotch planters who owned the big rich farms by the valley of the Finn. Nancy being of such tender years, so inexperienced of the world, and, still worse, possessing the fatality of exceptional beauty, Seumas and Nelly were loath to let her go. But, despite a little fishing and a little tilling, want gave an occasional knock at Seumas' door, as at the door of his neighbors, so perforce poor Nancy must face the world.

With a very large store of advice and warning, the only commodities her mother could afford to be liberal with; a very small store of clothes, done up in a red handkerchief, and her father's and mother's blessing, Nancy took the road with the other poor boys and girls just before the sun began to rub the mists off his eyes and peep up over the shoulder of Barnesmore mountain on a Friday morning and trudged 36 miles before bedtime and stood in the Rabble market in Strabane next day waiting for some one to come and hire her.

Several big rough farmers and some rougher farmers' wives had come up and viewed Nancy at every angle of observation, quizzed, questioned and cross questioned her, putting her through the catechism of her abilities and then priced her and bagged with her, trying to beat her down 5 shillings in the half year's wage, and quitted her, giving their opinion that she was too delicate for a girl's work in the Laigán, which included wrestling with tubs and pots of boiled roots, feeding cows and pigs, milking, churning and butter making. Finally an imposing old lady of generous girth and evidently of higher social status than the farmer's wife came up and, raising her glasses, viewed Nancy calmly and critically and then trotted her through the usual catechism. Mrs. Neilson, it turned out, did not require a pot wrestler, but a dairymaid, and Nancy and Nancy's price suited her, they quickly agreed as mistress and maid, and Mrs. Neilson's son, a bashful young man, than whom Nancy vowed she never before had seen any one so exquisitely dressed, drove them home in a buggy.

Mrs. Neilson took much pains showing Nancy her work next morning, and when this had been done to the satisfaction of both she led Nancy to the parlor and, sinking into an easy chair, began to read her a homily upon the conduct she expected of all females under her roof. The bashful and nice young man, as primly dressed as ever, read a book by the window. Though he glanced at Nancy as he came in, he was either too modest or too much absorbed in the book to raise his eyes a second time. Two virtues ever possessed by Nancy were docility and respectfulness, but under Mrs. Neilson's lecturing tongue she had much ado to keep down a rebellious spirit that for the first time moved within her.

"For, you know," the good Mrs. Neilson tried to impress upon her, "you girls who come here from those wild mountains have to be taught the proprieties necessary to young women, which, I fear, are sadly left out in your bringing up." Nancy flushed. "Your parents, it seems to me, dear, allow you to grow wild, with the result that you come over the mountains into our country so holdenish that it takes much of our time and trouble to civilize you and to teach you Christianlike conduct." Here Nancy gave her head a most indignant little toss, which was quite lost upon her mentor, who was either so absorbed with her own discourse that she didn't see it or else, seeing it, took it as a matter of course.

"And now one thing in particular I want to impress on you is to warn you against giving our Tommy any encouragement," Nancy looked at Mrs. Neilson in amazement. "Tommy is my eldest boy and sadly differs from Alex-

ander here," indicating the young man who read and who blushed in response to the implied compliment—"is sadly different, I'm sorry to say, from Alexander. Tommy is a harum scarum, of whom we never could make anything, for he couldn't be got to mind his books. Tommy will go to the other side of the parish after a pretty face, and the only objection I can yet find with you is that I'm positive you won't be with me 24 hours till that boy's courting you."

With her hands under her apron Nancy dropped a sarcastic courtesy and said, "I'm sure I'm very thankful to ye, ma'am."

"Now, mind you give that boy no encouragement. My heart's nigh broken with him," and she gave a faint sigh, "and indeed but that I have the comfort and consolation of possessing my own wise, good Alexander I think it would be quite broken long ago. Now you have got your warning, dear." Nancy dropped a haughty courtesy—"and mind you keep that boy at arm's length, for emphatically I'll not tolerate my servant girls courting with my son."

Nancy tossed her head again and flashed a look at Mrs. Neilson. She felt that she would like to deliver herself of a piece of her mind, but poor Nancy likewise felt that if she spoke she would say something hot and hasty, for which she would certainly be sorry afterward, so wisely she restrained herself. A hot blush overspread her cheeks. She thanked her mistress bitterly and whisked from her presence.

"Heigho!" Nancy sighed as she scrubbed a big plunge churn in the dairy later on the same day.

"Heigho!" was echoed back as from a breast weighted with trouble.

Nancy, startled, looked up and beheld a rakish, dashing fellow seated on one of the milk crocks which stood on the table. He was laughing heartily at the start he had given her.

"Hello, Nancy!" he said when he could.

Nancy had been more than half inclined to laugh at first, his countenance was so humorous and his manner so catching, but she remembered Mrs. Neilson's warning, so she replied tartly:

"Indeed an my name comes glib to ye, doesn't it, or not?"

"By George, it does! Seems to me like as if I'd known you, Nancy, for the last 50 years."

"Well, the quicker ye get rid o' that notion the better. Who are ye, or what are ye, or what's yer business here?"

"That's right, now. I like that, Nancy. That's coming plank down to business at once. Well, I'm Tommy. I'm a harum scarum good for nothing—at least so the old woman says, and she should know—and my business here is to court you."

Nancy flung the churn scrubber at him by way of reply to his audacity, and Tommy caught it deftly. He dismounted from his position and, approaching Nancy, returned the brush with a mock bow, then turned to her the back of his bent head, saying:

"Perhaps you would like to ease your distressed mind by punishing Tommy?"

Nancy without any delay drew him across the head a smart whack of the brush, causing him to jump up with a yell and execute a good imitation of an Indian war dance around herself and the churn, rubbing and scratching the back of his head the while.

"That's for yer impudence," Nancy said when he quivered.

"Oh, you duck! Shouldn't I like to be thrashed every day for just such a vision as your sweet self!"

"In troth," said Nancy, "if ye provoke me to go practicin my wrist on ye again ye'll maybe find it's little o' the vision's about it—or at least it's the sort o' vision that halves blisters behind it."

"Nancy, mavourneen, it's I who know that, for already there's a blister on my heart the size of your shoe—the size of my own shoe, I mean."

"Be off, I say, or I'll raise them the size o' yer head—an that's big enough—on the ribs of ye. Be off, I tell ye!"

"And I can't go, I tell you!" accompanied by such a travesty on an ogle that Nancy was compelled to laugh.

"It wasn't enough for yer mother to warn me against ye, I suppose, an tell me the sort o' villain ye were an the thricks ye do be up to."

"Nancy, agra, I wish the next time you find my mother preaching against courting you'd just only ask her quietly if she never did it herself and did she get the man sent down from heaven in a hand basket of a morning."

"Go ask her yourself, ye rascal! Aren't ye every bit as big an as ugly as me to do the business?"

"Ah-h-h, Nancy, avilsh!"

"Begone, for the common nuisance ye are!" And by means of a very vigorous assault on him with the scrubbing brush Nancy whacked him out of the door and slammed it in his face.

As she got at her work again he was sending a parting salute through the keyhole:

"Yes, Nancy, darling, I'm gone—gone to patch together as best I can the smithereens of a smashed heart. With that cruel brush of yours you've made very small pieces of it. If I can get it into any sort of presentable order, I'll be back for another court tomorrow. Till then adieu!"

"Then the devil go with ye!" Nancy shouted.

"A purty boy indeed ye are," she went on smilingly, colloquizing as she wrought—"a purty boy, troth! An small wonder yer own mother had to warn me against ye. If ye come to keep me from work the morra, I'll afeard it isn't the scrubbin brush I'll be usin on ye. No! I'll be ather takin to ye someethin a thrife weightier—someethin that'll make ye arry yer place an keep it."

"He's been interfering with you, I see, the rascal that he is."

It was Alexander, the bashful, who surprised Nancy this time, only Nancy noted that, though solemn enough, he

did not look quite so bashful as he had done in his mother's presence.

"Ha, ha, ha!" Nancy laughed. "Not a bit of interference, only just crackin' a joke to keep me from feelin homesick. Interferin! Hag! Not him! He wouldn't interfere with a mouse, I do believe. It's the gay heart an the light wan he has, God bless him!"

"And so," Alexander said, moving closer up to Nancy and looking into her blue eyes sympathetically—"and so you are feeling 'long' and lonesome after home?"

"Ach, not much—not much!" she said in a tone which, interpreted, meant "A great deal."

"Well, now, Nancy, my dear," and he laid a hand gently on her shoulder—"Nancy, my dear, we must do our best to be kind to you and keep the feeling of 'long' away from you."

Nancy was touched by the feeling expression of such real sympathy. She cast down her eyes as she said:

"I'm sure I must be forever obliged to ye, sir, for yer good heartedness to the stranger."

"My dear Nancy"—here he sat him on the edge of the churn and looked across into Nancy's pretty face—"don't say stranger. You're not to feel strange



The lid shot up in the face of Mrs. Neilson.

here. You're not to make strange with any one, except, of course, the villain Tommy. By all means you must make strange with that fellow. You must observe mother's good advice regarding him. But you are not to feel strange with me, for instance. And he laid a hand affectionately on Nancy's head.

"I'm forever obliged," Nancy said in the thankfulness of her heart.

"For you know, Nancy," he continued, jocosely wagging a forefinger at her, "I shouldn't like a young girl with such a beautiful head of hair"—here he stroked it—"and such eyes"—and he gazed into their depths—"to feel strange with me."

A puzzled look overspread Nancy's countenance.

"And," Alexander went on, "I should certainly not like such lips to tell it to me." He wound this up by a playful attempt to chuck Nancy under the chin. Nancy, slipping back, drew herself up in an attitude of indignation.

"What?" he said, surprised. "And the 'pose of a Greek goddess, by all that's beautiful!" He stepped toward her in admiration and attempted to lay his arm around her waist.

Instantly Nancy's little hand shot up more rapidly than he could have been prepared for, and with the back of it she drew him a sounding smack along the mouth, which stopped him in mingled amazement and pain.

When he got his breath again, "Well, upon my solemn word, you fiery Nancy, your sweet lips must soothe what your wicked hand has made smart." And he made a dash at her.

But Nancy, clutching at a butter spade, struck out and hit him a sounding rap squarely on the nose, making blood spurt and bringing the gallant Alexander to a dead stop.

He clapped both hands to his nose. Nancy, who could not help smiling through her indignation, still stood at bay watching the brave fellow nurse his nose, and at that instant Mrs. Neilson's voice was heard, just without the door, crying back to the kitchenmaid directions about dinner. Alexander threw up his hands in alarm.

"Nancy, upon my soul, I'm undone!" Rapidly his eye ran around the dairy, but few hiding places were there. His glance fell upon the big churn. He whisked off the lid and jumped in. Ere his head disappeared he paused, while he whispered:

"Nancy, Nancy, I'm your friend from this day—ye say nothing." Then the head disappeared and the lid was pulled down to its position within the churn.

Poor Nancy was swayed between indignation, amazement and laughter at the ludicrous denouement, and it is more than probable that laughter, and right hearty laughter, would have claimed her had not Mrs. Neilson then come sailing in.

"Well, little girl, are you standing idle? Why aren't you at work? Don't commence to mope, thinking of home now," And Mrs. Neilson fussed about the dairy. "You know that's not what I'm paying you extravagant wages for. Nor were you ever quartered so well at home, away in those wild mountains, as you are here, with plenty to eat and not too much to do, only you must always keep your hands going. What are you working at now? What? And you haven't finished with the churn yet? Oh, dear! What are servant girls useful for now, except to get in one's way? Have you given it the second scalding yet? No? What's this to do? What's this to do? Is the kettle boiled? Here, stand out of my way! Old woman as I

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am, I'm as good as half a dozen of the sort of girls going nowadays. Out of my way! Out of my way! And pray, observe how I scold a churn, for I'll venture my word you have to be taught it. Paugh! Deary me, it's roasting!"

And Mrs. Neilson, letting go the kettle she had essayed to lift, now protected her hand with her apron and bore off to the churn the steaming and hissing kettle.

She rested it on the rim of the churn. "Now, observe, my girl—What? Do you think it is only for your amusement I do this, that you stand grinning?" Nancy drew as long a face as she could assume. "Observe. You first pass the water round the edges of the lid this way, and—"

"Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!"

An unearthly yell ascended from out the bowels of the churn, the lid shot up in the face of the screaming Mrs. Neilson, a dripping human head dashed after, forth jumped a man, and at a bound, leaping clear over the prostrate form of his mother, the wise, the studious, the good and bashful and well-scalded Alexander burst screaming through the door.

The Preferred Accident Insurance Company of New York.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1902.
Stocks and Bonds, .. \$ 826,142 50
Cash in office and Bank, .. 127,914 87
Agents' Balances, .. 109,785 35
Interest and Rents, .. 6,026 25
Uncollected Premium, .. 104,877 50

Gross Assets, .. \$1,174,746 47
Deduct items not admitted, .. 109,785 35

Admitted Assets, .. \$1,064,961 12
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1902.
Net unpaid losses, .. 73,312 50
Unearned Premiums, .. 506,969 88

Total, .. \$ 580,282 38
Cash Capital, .. 200,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities, .. 284,678 74

Total liabilities and surplus, .. \$1,064,961 12
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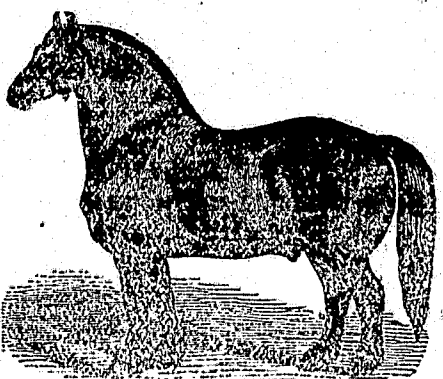
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THE HOME.

The Daughter at Home.

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"A daughter at all is Heaven's last, best gift," a recent writer has said, and the daughter in the home is the finest exponent of this beautiful old vocation which is threatened with extinction in the grinding evolution of modern life. Somehow Nature will find her way, and until the birds cease mating there will be homes sweetened with wife-love and mother-love, but as a basis and beginning for these daughter-love can not be ignored or forgotten.

Every thoughtful person who has studied the trend of educational currents must regret the tremendous pressure which is exerted to divide the daughter from the home. With the commendable desire that she shall be as capable of self-support as her brother she is silently urged into trying her wings at the earliest opportunity and tacitly trained to look upon the home nest as merely a temporary shelter. Granting the necessity in many cases, and the wisdom in all, of some definite knowledge that may be turned into bread and butter, yet for a very material good, one of the sweetest relations of human life is being weakened and in danger of being lost.

"And what are you going to be? A teacher like auntie, or a doctor like Cousin Lou?" the toddling girl is asked. Her little domestic tendencies are gently smiled away, and from the day she conquers the alphabet, school and study with one definite purpose are magnified. "What is Mary studying for?" is questioned. Not for knowledge as a means of wisdom or happiness, a sweet and gracious benison for home and friends; not for the companionship of great minds and noble thoughts on the journey of life, but to be able to earn money, to turn brains into dollars.

Not a bad accomplishment, indeed, if it is kept subordinate; but to live is not merely to draw a salary, and full rounded womanhood may not be measured by the monthly stipend of a stenographer. The world has lost much because boys have so long been trained to business first and manhood afterward, and it loses more when the necessity of gaining success in some walk of commerce, even at the expense of health and natural development is forced upon young girls. Those who have regretted or opposed the tendency of women to become wage-earners and to seek footing in employments for merely open only to men do not comprehend this internal pressure, which far more than the supposed desire for independence inspires the movement. Our literature, our system of education, our changing social ideals, the very atmosphere of our time, must bear the responsibility.

The woman who is merely domestic, whose first sphere is her home, who is content to have learning and accomplishments for the sweet joy of them, is no longer considered the highest type of intelligence. She may be "thoroughly good" or "the dearest little home-body," but her more worldly sister receives credit for superior ability, and she is covertly regarded as choosing a narrower field only because she has not the capacity for anything else. The young girl responds to this atmosphere; if she have a talent she makes the most of it, for, most naturally, she desires to fulfill the hopes of those who love her. She studies her music with an eye to the choir, the stage, to teaching, to "making it pay" some way. Her literary tastes are cultivated with a view to their commercial value—and too often the best that she might do is sacrificed to paying mediocrity.

Always, whether she need it or not, the necessity of earning something is before her, since the capacity of earning money is the measure of success. Her father may be amply able to support her and do it cheerfully, but his pride is in her ability to do it herself, forgetting the strain on young heart and head. The husband who she dreams will find her some day may know all the gentle virtues that insure a happy home, but the "brightness," the "brains," the "pluck" that win out in the world draw him more strongly.

It is sad to contemplate—this army of young recruits in the industrial battle. Robbed of childhood, they in turn crowd their elders to the wall and by their youthful energy and pliancy create the demand for younger workers to fill all positions. The little they and the world gain by the early beginning is lost in the end.

Not all external are the forces that bear against the highest ideal of daughterhood; the home itself has contributed not a little to its own undoing. The ideal of family life has undergone most radical changes in the past quarter of a century, and the relations of parents to children demand a degree of companionship undreamed of a generation ago. Parents and children must grow together, instead of the young developing while the adult stand still or retrograde. Merely to have borne a girl child does not make a woman the perfect mother of a daughter, and many a man has held his baby daughter in his arms yet fallen far short of being a father to her.

Food and raiment and physical well-being are small things if heart and soul be starved. If the emotional life of the home were richer, very few young people would form unfortunate attachments outside it. But expressions of affection are too often neglected or condemned as silly, or avoided from a fear of being "sentimental."

"I do not remember that my mother ever kissed me," said one young friend with a pathos no words could reach. What a memory to carry over seas to a strange land! There are homes in which a more or less slight inharmonious between the parents freezes all warmth out of the atmosphere. Unhappy is the daughter who becomes a buffer between her parents; who is the only one that can "manage father" or coax mother to forego a season of fretting. More unhappy, if possible, is she who is the confidante of her parents, or her mother, in family difficulties—for it is usually the mother who seeks such relief. A full heart covets the relief of speech, and the mother turns naturally to the daughter, whose love prompts overflowing sympathy while it insures concealment of the trouble. So the young heart is oppressed with knowledge that should never come till maturity, if it come at all.

The brightest girl I ever knew grew to womanhood under such a shadow. "I was a woman of twenty-five," she said, "before I knew that there were any happy homes. I thought those that seemed so only more artfully concealed their skeleton. And yet I realize now how my sensitive, sympathetic nature exaggerated it all. My mother craved the tender interest and understanding denied her by my father; I gave it and she spoke freely, never dreaming how it affected me. She was never really so unhappy, but the scar is on my soul forever. My instincts are all warped, and I must reason constantly to keep myself from cynicism."

The social life of the daughter and her relation to the outside

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world is one of the hardest things to adjust without friction and with injustice to none. The elderly parents prefer quiet or have formed their own circle and find it a real sacrifice to conform somewhat to the needs of a younger life—needs not infrequently denied or combated. "How often we meet a young girl so bright, so graceful and at ease in company that we form a great desire to know her in her own family circle. The opportunity comes and we find a frozen formality, or awkward and painful restraint; she does not feel at liberty to be herself.

Love will find the daughter in the home as it finds her out in the world. Fortunate is she then if her parents treat it with reverence, as the breath of the gods, and not a thing for jesting. More fortunate if she has known a home in which it was the fire on the altar, and so has been spared all the ridicule and unhumorous humor of which it is made the subject.

It is for the good and happiness of all that the old lines broaden, that authority be veiled in sympathy and traditional parental privileges and exemptions give way to an intelligent comprehension of the growth of a human being, soul-wise as well as body-wise. Given only a small measure of the right conditions, the daughter will blossom in the home to sweeter, stronger womanhood, as the tended roses surpass those of the highway.—The Delineator.

Mustard Seeds.

Vows made in storms are forgotten in calms.

The trial is not fair where affection is judge.

It's easy finding reasons why other folks should be patient.

The wife makes the home, and the home makes the man.

If we seize too hastily, we may have to drop as hastily.

A straight line is the shortest in morals as well as in geometry.

A difference of tastes in jokes is a great strain on the affections.

The best result to be derived from history is the enthusiasm it kindles.

Some hearts like evening primroses open most beautifully in the evening of life.

Happiness can be made quite as well of cheap materials as of dear ones.

In matters of conscience first thoughts are best. In matters of prudence last thoughts are best.

Children say what they will be; old men what they have been; only fools say what they are.

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Stocks and bonds	211,500 00
Cash in office and bank	70,003 08
Interest and rents	2,493 58
Uncollected premiums	10,011 57

Admitted assets	\$311,206 70
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1902.	
Net unpaid losses	10,584 42
Unearned premiums	17,140 70
All other liabilities	7,357 63

Total	\$44,088 75
Cash capital	200,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities	67,208 04

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Note the result of Mrs. Pinkham's advice—although she advised Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, to take her medicine—which she knew would help her—her letter contained a mass of additional instructions as to treatment, all of which helped to bring about the happy result.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Sometime ago I wrote to you describing my symptoms and asked your advice. You replied, and I followed all your directions carefully, and to-day I am a well woman. "The use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound entirely expelled the tumor and strengthened my whole system. I can walk miles now."

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HOW TO KEEP WARM.

Value of Newspapers as a Protection Against Cold.

Few people know that by the use of newspapers they can keep warm in cold weather when without it they would suffer, says a writer in the Washington Post. Several sheets of paper pinned to the inside of a man's or boy's vest before putting it on and another part of several thicknesses worn under the vest when going out into the cold will take the place of an overcoat to the poor man who has none and will furnish as much warmth.

Many poor families have not bed-clothing enough in winter to protect them from cold during extremely cold nights. Such families can make themselves perfectly comfortable by spreading three or four newspapers between the scant bedclothing they have. They will be agreeably surprised to find that the papers are equal to the heaviest blanket in excluding the cold. If people generally understood the merits of this simple remedy and practiced it, there would be less sickness and fewer cases of consumption. Men and women frequently stand for hours about the market, at the depot or other places, exposed to severe cold or drafts of air, and before they are aware of it have contracted a cold which terminates in consumption and death.

Newspapers under the vest or wrap when thus exposed will nearly always prevent taking cold. The newspaper is a nonconductor of heat and when placed over the stomach preserves the supply of what has been called the reservoir of heat in the body. It would seem probable that these suggestions were already known by almost every well informed person in the country, but in fact very few have ever tried it.

The public schools of the country should teach the children these and kindred rules for their comfort and health, for by their use great suffering would be avoided.

Just to Avoid a Disturbance.

During a visit to the south of Italy a young Englishman was introduced at a fashionable gathering by a Neapolitan cavalier.

While there his gold snuffbox was taken from him. The next evening he was at another party when, to his surprise, he saw a gentleman take out his stolen snuffbox and help himself to a pinch of snuff. He quickly strode up to his friend and said:

"The gentleman over yonder is taking snuff out of the very box which was stolen from me yesterday. Do you happen to know him?"

"Hush," answered the cavalier in a tone of warning. "He is a person of high rank."

"What do I care?" exclaimed the Englishman. "I want my snuffbox and mean to call him to account."

"Come, don't let us have a row," gently entreated his friend. "Leave the matter to me. I will get the snuffbox for you."

After receiving this assurance the Englishman went home.

The following day, sure enough, his friend brought him the stolen box.

"How did you recover it?" inquired the Englishman.

"Well," said his friend, with a laugh, "I wished to avoid a disturbance, and therefore I simply stole it back again from him!"

How to Stop Hinges Creaking.

Creaking can be quickly cured by dropping a little oil on the hinges or a little bit of vaseline does equally well. Black lead is another excellent remedy, and places that can't be got at with an ordinary brush can generally be reached with a black lead pencil.

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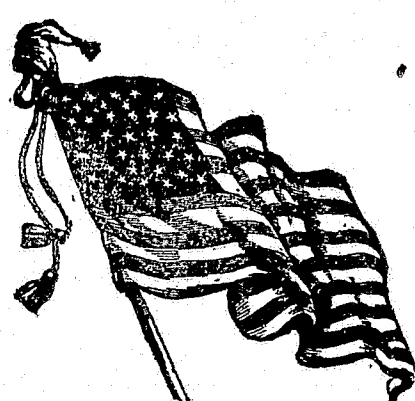
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STATE OF MAINE.



By the Governor

A PROCLAMATION.

Complying with the statute, and in conformity with an established custom now prevailing throughout the Union, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, I hereby appoint Friday, the first day of May next as

ARBOR DAY

and I earnestly recommend that it be observed by the planting of trees and shrubs and the adornment of public grounds, places and ways.

Let the teachers and pupils of our public schools devote some portion of this day to the improvement of school grounds, and to exercises in harmony therewith.

Given at the Council Chamber at Augusta, this eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

By the Governor:

JOHN F. HILL.

BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

To the Selectmen of Bethel:

The undersigned, citizens of Bethel village and vicinity, respectfully petition for permission to erect telephone poles, and string telephone wire on said poles, along the streets of Bethel village, so called, and along the highway leading from said Bethel village, by the way of the four corners near the W. W. Mason place, through Walker's Mills village, so called, to the Greenwood town line.

Gardner L. Sturdivant, Lisco A. Hall,
H. H. Hastings, E. C. Bowler,
Hastings Bros., Horvick Bros.,
I. H. Wight, C. Bisbee.

Pursuant to the foregoing petition, it is ordered that public notice thereof be given by publishing it in the Bethel News, the last notice to be published at least fourteen days before Saturday, May 9th, 1903, on which day a public hearing will be given at the Selectmen's office in Cole Block, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place any persons to be affected by the location asked for may be heard. And the Selectmen hereby endorse that such public notice as above ordered shall be sufficient, upon this petition, to the resident owners to be affected thereby.

S. B. TWITCHELL, Selectmen
C. E. BARKER, Bethel.
F. J. RUSSELL, Bethel.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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STATE NEWS.

William A. Hartley, a weaver, fell dead at the Bates mill, Lewiston, Friday morning.

Two Grand Trunk freight trains met in a head-on collision last Thursday, at South Paris. Brakeman Sloan was severely injured.

The Bangor lawyer who was counsel in eight divorce cases in one day, and obtained a decree in each, must have read law in Chicago.

James L. Parker, a former sheriff of Oxford county, died at East Stoneham, Saturday, April 11, aged 72 years. He had been in feeble health from rheumatic troubles for several years.

Elmer Tuttle, farm manager at Good Will Home, has resigned after eleven years of remarkable success in winning and keeping the respect and confidence of the boys and other employees of the association.

In the Bates-Trinity debate held in Lewiston City hall Friday, the decision was unanimous for Bates. The question was: Resolved, "That Industrial Combinations Commonly Known as Trusts Are Likely to Promote the Welfare of Society." Bates had the negative side.

Many cottages are being built this spring along the Penobscot from Bucksport to Bangor, on the easterly side of the river, and from Winterport on the westerly bank. The houses are not imposing summer establishments, but they serve their purposes as summer residences.

George W. Welch, superintendent for the Great Northern Paper Company, at Madison, was drowned, Sunday, while fishing in Embury pond. Welch was trolling and is supposed to have had a stroke when he moved quickly and capsized the boat. He sank after covering half of the twenty-rod swim to shore. A companion reached shore safely.

A gang of burglars who have operated throughout Waldo county for a year past has been broken up, it is believed. Frank Douglass of Jackson, his two sons, Asa and Elisha Douglass, of Unity, and his son-in-law, Chester Furbush, of Jackson, pleaded guilty when arraigned in the municipal court Friday charged with the burglaries and were bound over to the Supreme Judicial court which convenes next week.

More than 100 people are said to have been exposed to small pox in Chisholm and Jay, two nearby towns, a case of which was discovered at Chisholm Saturday. Dr. Young of Augusta, secretary of the State board of health, after examining George Ladois, a young grocery clerk, decided he had a well defined case of varioloid. Ladois lived in a block with six other families. A temporary isolation hospital is being constructed, and free vaccination has been established.

The McKown family of Boothbay most certainly have struck a vein of hard luck. Last summer the trim new schooner, Alice M. Davenport, in command of the father and containing more of his savings than he could afford to spare in his declining years, sailed out of Bath, to become a total wreck upon Seal island before her maiden trip had been completed. Since then a son has lost his vessel, and Tuesday the news came that another son had lost his vessel, less than a year old, and with it two little children.

President William DeWitt Hyde of Bowdoin College, announces the gift of \$1,900, one-half from William D. Washburn, LL. D., '64, late senator from Minnesota, and one-half from William L. Putnam, LL. D., '65 to complete the fund known as the "Honorarium Præsidis," established in 1880 by the late Cyrus Woodman, '36, to \$20,000. The fund now is available to add to the perquisites of the president to the amount of about \$500 each year.

Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

To treat these eruptions with drying medicines is dangerous.

The thing to do is to help the system discharge the humors, and strengthen it against their return.

Hood's Sarsaparilla permanently cured J. G. Hines, Franks, Ill., of eczema, from which he had suffered for some time; and Miss Alvina Wolter, Box 212, Algona, Wis., of pimples on her face and back and chafed skin on her body, by which she had been greatly troubled. There are more testimonials in favor of this great medicine than can be published.

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Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Don't put off treatment. Buy a bottle of Hood's today.

Uncle Sam is slow but sure. H. B. Richards of Camden who was discharged from his regiment at Augusta in 1863, has received a check from Washington, for seven months' pay. There was no paymaster present at the time of his discharge.

A Boston lady recently left \$5000 to aid in carrying on the good work at Rosemary cottage in Eliot. Rosemary cottage was founded about fourteen years ago by Mrs. Farmer, mother of Miss Sarah J. Farmer, and is managed by the Boston city missionary society and supported by the fresh air fund of that city. About 350 mothers and children are given a two weeks' outing at this ideal summer home each year.

The Minnesota, the biggest ship in the world was launched at New London, Conn., last Thursday afternoon. She is the largest ship in the world, afloat or in the stocks, or even designed. Her dimensions are: Length, 630 feet; breadth, 73 feet, six inches; molded depth, 53 feet. On a draught of 37 feet her displacement will be 37,000 tons. The president of the Eastern Shipbuilding Co. from whose yard this mighty leviathan of the deep was launched is Mr. Charles R. Hanscom, formerly of Bath.

Mrs. Phebe R. Sturtevant, the special benefactress of Hecron Academy, died at her home in Jamaica Plain, Mass., Friday from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. To Mrs. Sturtevant and her husband, the late B. F. Sturtevant, is due a large share of the present material wealth and prosperity of this well-known institution. It was through Mr. Sturtevant that the main Academy building, Sturtevant Hall, was erected, and Mrs. Sturtevant surpassed all former gifts, after the death of her husband, by erecting the magnificent \$100,000 dormitory, Sturtevant Home. This does not by any means complete the list of her benefactions to the Academy, as smaller gifts have been many and frequent.

THE BOY INFORMED THE BISHOP.

The bishop coadjutor of Pennsylvania, Alexander McKay-Smith, was on the way one Sunday morning from the Bryn Mawr railroad station to the chapel of Bryn Mawr College where he was to preach.

As he drove in the hired station wagon along the country road, he saw approaching on foot a little boy with a ball and bat and a catcher's mask.

The bishop caused his carriage to pull up. "Little boy!" he said, leaning out, "little boy!"

"Sir," returned the lad.

"Do you know where little boys go to who play ball on Sunday?"

"Yes, sir!" the other answered.

"They go to Heston's lot, over there behind the dam. You can go right along with me if you want to."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Snow fell quite generally in the State of New York, yesterday.

It is estimated that 1000 dogs have been killed in Morristown, N. J., since the order was issued for all dogs at large, not muzzled, to be shot.

France imported \$4,200,000 more raw material in January and February than in the same months a year ago, but exported only \$400,000 more manufactures.

George Matelle, the driver of the President's team, died suddenly yesterday as he was feeding the horses in the stable at Norris. His remains were taken out to Fort Yellowstone.

Two shillings and eightpence a month, with sleeping room and coarse food, are the "sweating" trade wages of Calcutta workers in boots and shoes, embroidery, and cloth work. Bengali capitalists are the employers.

Percentage of unemployed in England at the opening of March, by the board of trade returns, was 4.8 per cent. against 5.1 a month before, 4.3 a year before and 4.9 as the average of the period for a decade.

Since last Friday Rudolph Volz of Trenton, N. J., has been missing and his friends have failed to discover any trace of him. There is a rumor that he was a member of a suicide club and took his own life in accordance with an edict of that organization.

This month is expected to break all former records for immigration. At the close of, last Saturday's business 64,000 aliens had passed Ellis Island in eighteen days. Those scheduled for the remainder of this month indicate that the total for April will exceed 90,000. May last year with 82,000 immigrants is the record month at the island. Reports from European sailing ports indicate that more than 100,000 aliens will arrive next month.

In Abyssinia the duties of a cabinet minister are very peculiar, according to the report that appears in a St. Petersburg newspaper. Ilg, the Swiss minister of the Emperor Menelik, who holds cabinet rank, and is presumably what Lord Halsbury would call "a sort of" agricultural minister, waters Menelik's flowers, winds his clocks, and cuts his corns. Occasionally, by way of variety, Ilg is intrusted with a diplomatic mission to Europe.

Mrs. King of Corpus Christi, Tex., owns more land than any other woman in this country, perhaps in the world. Her holdings are not less than 1,300,000 acres, located in the counties of Nueces, Hidalgo, Starr and Cameron. Her late husband, Captain King, was one of the oldtime cattle barons. Mrs. King has about 65,000 cattle on her broad acres. Under the terms of her husband's will the estate must not be divided until his eldest grandchild comes of age. Mrs. King has one son and three married daughters.

The old Bridewell burying ground, which is now the subject of legislation in the English parliament, is the resting place of Mme. Cresswell, so often mentioned by Charles II. dramatists, who died in Bridewell prison, and left \$50 for a sermon to be preached at her funeral, on condition that nothing should be said of her but what was well. The preacher got out of the difficulty rather neatly by saying: "All that I shall say of her is this: She was born well, she lived well and she died well; for she was born with the name of Cresswell, she lived in Clerkenwell and she died in Bridewell."

Worms?

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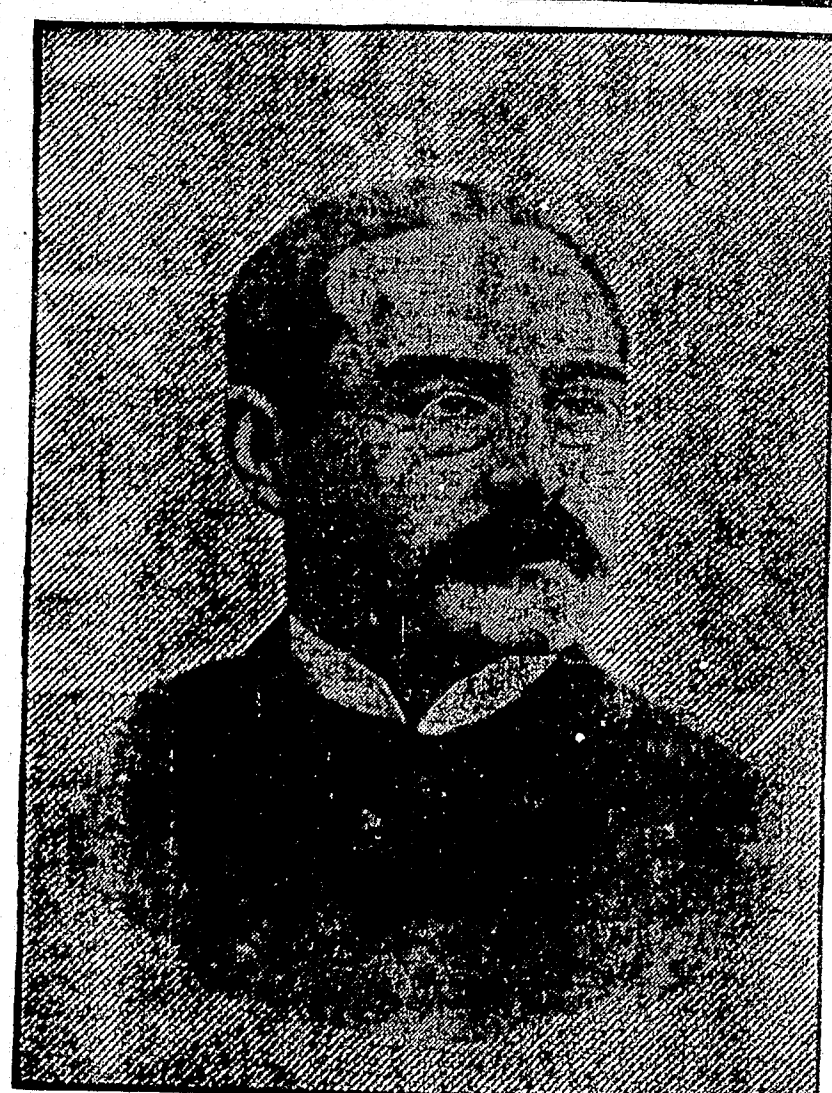
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BERLIN, N. H.

WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

John Barker is in poor health. Our village school opened Monday.

May-flowers are plentiful in April.

But little notice was taken of Patriot's Day.

Miss Lottie E. Mason is teaching school in Gilead.

Fast Day comes this week and let it thus be observed.

Miss Ethel Hammons is teaching school in Oxford village.

E. Payson Philbrook and daughter are working in Gorham, N. H.

Eugene and Elmer Briggs of So. Paris visited their father and brothers in this place Sunday.

N. W. Bennett has moved from Albany to the Brown farm on the Flat, recently purchased by John Bean.

Burnside Russell of Gilead is doing outside painting on the buildings of Addison S. Bean.

Hastings Brothers' drive of logs is causing them much trouble, owing to the scarcity of water in Pleasant river.

Percy O'Brien with one team, recently plowed four acres for L. D. Grover in some less than ten hours.

UPTON.

The town schools opened this week with Mr. E. G. Webber of Mt. Vernon in the upper, and Miss Bessie Searle of Newry in the lower school.

Walter Ellingwood returned home from a call at the Maine General Hospital, finding an operation for appendicitis unnecessary, and is now at work on the Berlin Mills Co's boat at Umbagog Lake. Will Whitney also found his trouble to be a liver trouble upon examination by Dr. Sturdivant of Bethel and returned home.

H. T. Chase commenced work on his new barn the first of this week.

Miss Angie Ferrin is at work at the Abbott House.

Bion Sanborn came home Sunday from Andover where Dr. Twitchell has been treating his arm which got so badly cut in the saw on his sawing machine. The arm is doing well and commenced to heal.

Fred Richards of Andover was in town over Sunday.

Miss Emma Morse has gone to Wentworth's Location, N. H., to teach.

Mrs. F. O. Godwin went to Bethel last week Tuesday, returning Friday.

Mrs. Mary Godwin continues very poorly.

Mr. Hervey Fuller of Mexico made a short visit in town last week.

ANDOVER.

We are having real April weather, sunshine and then snow squalls. We find "one swallow does not bring summer."

Lone Mountain Grange held an all day meeting April 18. Ten members took the third and fourth degrees. After a sumptuous dinner there were charades—prizes were given—music and a select reading by Walter Bailey completed the program. The next meeting will occur May 2.

The schools have commenced with a full attendance. Ellis Glen Assembly and the Knights of Pythias made a surprise party at Mr. Llewellyn Hall's last Thursday evening. It was to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark. They left a handsome present. About sixty-one members were present.

Mr. Edwin Talbot has returned home from Rumford Falls.

Mrs. Merrill Hovey has returned from Lowell, Mass., where she has been visiting her daughter.

We are glad to report the youngest daughter of Mr. F. S. Smith improving in health, having been very ill.

Mr. Thomas Jones of Texas, will lecture at the Town Hall Tuesday evening, April 21, on the Philippines.

Mr. D. W. Barnes returned from Oxford much improved in health. There will be preaching in the Universalist church on Sunday, May 3, by Rev. F. E. Barton, State Missionary.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

The neighbors and friends of Eben Barker are glad to welcome him and his family back to his native town.

Another town meeting April 25, to settle a wood question on petition of D. A. Cummings. Turn out ye voters.

C. H. Fernald has been sick also Chas. McAllister, Geo. Briggs and wife and Nellie Mildred, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rugg; Mrs. Adelia Kimball has a severe cold.

Lauren Lord is working at Fernald's mill for a few days; Stephen Libby is also working there.

Mrs. Millard Lord visited her sister, Mrs. Muller at So. Waterford, recently.

G. E. Grover has a stock of choice groceries to which he is constantly adding.

Round Mountain Grange on April 18, had as an honored guest State Lecturer W. J. Thompson.

W. I. Beckler met him at Bethel and took him to Hunt's Corner in time for the Grange dinner.

The business was disposed of at the forenoon session when three applications for membership were received. The W. M. declared a recess for dinner and held open session in the afternoon that all who wished might hear Brother Thompson. The program was as follows:

Singing—America, All Recitation, Jennie Bean, 4 years old Original Poem, Alma Judkins Song, Mrs. F. H. Wardwell Lecture, W. S. L., W. J. Thompson Music, W. L., Mrs. A. E. K. Grover Recitation, W. L., Mrs. A. E. K. Grover Song—Farmer Magee

W. M., Roy Wardwell Worthy Master Wardwell, in a very pleasing manner introduced State Lecturer Thompson, who was enthusiastically received and listened to with the closest attention. The advancement of civilized people and what they would be if they retrograded were pithy points. All joined in hoping Brother Thompson would come again. While here he was entertained by brother W. I. Beckler and wife.

The Circle was much enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to get to J. A. Kimball's the 18th. A goodly sum was realized. The next one will be at Leon Kimball's May 7 to which all are very cordially invited.

Aunt Charlotte Cummings, aged 84, was able to attend the last Grange meeting.

Maud Beckler has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Cummings. She expects to go to Kineo soon where she has employment as table girl.

Roscoe Andrews is going to Sumner to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Moore are visiting in Norway. Angie Moore is with Mrs. Belle McNally.

Mrs. Nancy Andrews is entertaining visitors.

Mrs. A. E. K. Grover called on Mrs. E. T. Judkins recently.

Stella and Ada Bean, and F. G. Sloan and family attended W. J. Thompson's lecture.

EAST BETHEL.

Eugene Bean visited Berlin, N. H., last week.

Mr. George Swan has sold the Perry farm in this place to J. M. Kenniston of South Bethel.

Miss Helen Bartlett has sold her house here to Mrs. Etta Bean. Miss Bartlett will continue living in the rent which she now occupies.

Mrs. N. F. Swan has been moved to the Maine General hospital for treatment. She was accompanied by her physician, Dr. Twitchell of Andover, and her daughter, Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett.

Mr. F. Swan from So. Paris visited relatives here the first of the week.

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GROVER HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Walker from Auburn were at their home here Sunday.

Misses Mayberry and Haselton have purchased "Cobblestone Farm" of Walter M. Browne.

Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson and Jennie Mayberry remain about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ring have been with friends in Greenwood for the past week.

Mrs. A. L. Whitman has returned from Dummer, N. H., where she has been for the past two months.

Erva Bartlett carries the Grover Hill scholars this term.

NEWRY.

Mayflowers are being found in abundance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daley spent Wednesday and Thursday at Berlin Falls.

Eli Stearns and Ruby Perkins were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster visited friends in Portland this week.

Edith Thurston has been confined to the house with a very bad cold for the past few days.

Mr. M. L. Thurston came home from Andover Sunday.

The drive on Bear River has been unable to proceed very rapidly on account of low water during the past week.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

GRAFTON.

A. F. Brooks was in Errol, N. H., Sunday.

G. A. Otis and E. B. Farrar were in Bethel last week.

Myrtle Brooks visited friends in Andover, recently.

P. W. Learned of Andover was at A. F. Brooks' last week.

Mrs. A. F. Brooks attended the Grange at Newry Corner, Thursday.

Mrs. Floyd Searle and daughter are visiting Mrs. Searle's parents in this town. Mr. Searle made a short visit also, while on his way to Camp-in-the-Meadows where he has employment for the summer. Mrs. Searle will not go until later.

Jas. S. Bartlett, Bethel, Maine.

Dear Sir: Here's what "fewer gallons" means:

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NORTH NEWRY.

W. D. Kilgore went to Portland Saturday and came back Monday. He stayed with his cousin, Dr. H. P. Merrill.

Supt. W. W. Kilgore of Willmar, Minn., arrived home Saturday night and will soon erect two more new cottages at the hotel.

Mrs. Wilfred Parker goes to her new home Friday.

E. L. Tibbetts of Locke Mills, was at the hotel Tuesday, looking after spool stock.

Percy Chapman jammed two of his fingers quite badly in the mill last week.

Mayflowers are very plenty this spring.

Ahira Smith of Bethel is putting water into the hotel.

W. W. Kilgore has a new incubator, capacity 200 eggs.

Your Summer Holiday.

Nature intended that we should spice up our daily toil with a short butterfly exit to some beautiful lake resort during the hot summer months. This is plainly evident both from our own natural desires and the many interesting places so lavishly provided.

Summer resorts such as Muskoka are occupying a great deal of our attention, because nature smiles upon us during the summer season and we can then live entirely out of doors, while we indulge in boating, bathing, games of different sorts and a great variety of other forms of recreation.

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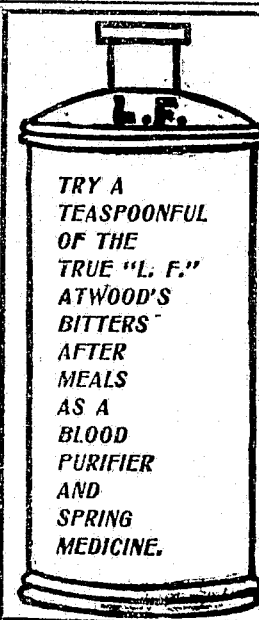
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- One lot of Broadcloth Suits made of the same grade material but in a plainer style, blouse and skirt, value \$25.00. Our Price \$17.50.
- One lot of Cheviot, Venetian and Broadcloth Suits, Taffeta Lined Blouse, trimmed with Peau de Soie tabs on Blouse and Skirt, value \$20.00. Our Price \$15.00.
- One lot of Venetian, Pebble Cloth and Etamine Suits, trimmed with Double Capes, also Taffeta Bands, Kilted Bottom Skirts, value \$17.50. Our Price \$12.50.
- One lot of Venetian, Cheviot, and Fancy Mixture Suits, value \$15.00. Sale Price only \$10.00.
- Children's Suits, ages 8 to 14, at \$5.00, \$5.98, \$7.50, \$7.98, \$10.00 and upwards; value 25 per cent. more than we ask.
- Ladies' and Misses' Box Coats and Monte Carlos, in Castor and Black, at \$5.98, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.50.
- Children's Cloth Coats, all wool materials, at \$2.98, \$3.98, \$5.00, \$5.98, \$7.50 and upwards.
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RUMFORD FALLS.

The Bouton Automobile Company, of which J. A. Nile, M. D., is president, has leased two floors of the Rumford Falls woolen mill. The company has orders for fifty machines, and started up Monday.

The three-year-old son of Frank Bernier fell from a second story window, last Wednesday, striking on the brick pavement head first. At first he was thought to have received fatal injuries, but his condition was much improved at last accounts.

Miss Grace Brennecks of Boston, who has been in the postal card mill for some time, has returned to Boston to enter a millinery store.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Martin, have returned to their home in Massachusetts.

Mrs. J. J. Abbott of Sumner, is with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Bisbee.

Mrs. J. Brown Maxwell has returned from New Brunswick.

Mrs. Bertha Lord of Portland, is at the home of Mrs. W. E. Humphreys.

Harris L. Elliott has been spending a week in Boston.

Wilson Thomas who bought the old church building at East Rumford last fall, is this spring renovating it, and is finishing it into a four tenement dwelling house. Mr. Thomas lost a house in the recent fire at Virginia.

Lewis Hillman has returned from Canada where he has been employed.

Miss Julia Reed has been severely ill of bronchitis.

John E. Stephens was unanimously elected president of the Board of Trade on Thursday evening.

BERLIN, N. H.

Our street sprinkler started on its rounds April 14.

Moody Bedell has accepted a position with Samuel Ward Co. of Boston, in their engraving department.

John Brown of Augusta, Me., was arrested here last week for forging a check. He was placed under \$700 bonds for his appearance at the November term of court at Lancaster.

G. R. Magoon was in this city the first of last week.

Mrs. Warren Gregory and two children of Littleton, are the guests of Mrs. Gray of this city.

Mrs. E. H. Tardivel is visiting her daughter who is attending the Ursuline school at Quebec.

Miss Mamie Desmond of Bangor, Me., is the guest of Miss Nettie McCann.

Mrs. E. B. Berwick of Ballston, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Peter Kelley.

Harry and T. A. Greene of Providence, R. I., are enjoying a vacation at their home in Berlin.

Charles Mitchell has purchased Dandy Boy, 221, of John D. Lary.

Thomas McCormick and family are visiting relatives in this city.

Black Mt. Mica.—General Uses.

"Nothing equal to the Black Mountain mica is found in the rest of the United States, so far as we know," says James Keyes, the treasurer of the Stamford Mica Company. Mr. Keyes is from Columbus, Ohio, and is on a visit of inspection to the mine in Roxbury.

"It is the white mica," he continued, "and nothing goes into the market which can compete with it."

If the work goes on at Black Mt. mine as planned, between fifteen hundred and two thousand tons of mica will be taken out in the next six months. This amount will be required to keep the mill at Stamford busy for the next year.

"The method of preparing the mica for market," explains Mr. Keyes, "is very similar to the process by which flour is made. The mica is ground and pulverized, and comes out very much like flour. It ranges from \$45 to \$100

per ton when prepared and is variously used in the manufacture of wall papers, in the transmitters and receivers of the telephone, and largely in electrical works. The Standard Oil Company use much of it in the preparation of an axle grease.

"The Black Mountain mica is gotten chiefly in junks a foot square and six inches thick. That's the way we like to get it. But every scrap of mica is used. We pulverize the rock and separate the mica from the dust. Nothing is wasted."

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How to Buy Meat.

A clear, cherry red distinguishes good beef. Press it with the finger, and if it rises quickly it is a sign of freshness. Should the meat remain or rise slowly the meat is inferior. Should the meat be slippery in surface or contain any greenish tints do not buy it at any price. Lamb and mutton ought to be a bright red and veal fine grained and pink in color, the fat white and clear. The flesh of fat animals is more tender and juicy than that of lean ones, because the latter contains a greater amount of water in proportion to the fibrin, albumen and gelatin. The most expensive cuts are obtained from those parts of the animal where the muscles are but little used, and the meat is accordingly fine grained and tender.

A Queer Experience.

An actor and his wife had a funny experience once in Toronto. They were playing a piece in which the wife enacted the part of a woman dentist, and one evening the husband received a note asking him to call at a certain house. He did so the next day and was greeted by the old man and his wife, the latter of whom said to him: "Me and my mate fell in love with your missus last night. She was so gentle with you when you was a-sittin' of the dentist chair. I'm gettin' on now, and all my teeth is a-gettin' loose, and my mate wants me to go to the dentist shop and 'ave 'em pulled, but I knows as 'ow they 'urts, and I want to know if you and your missus will come around 'ere and 'ave tea with us, 'ave a little singin' and enjoy ourselves and your missus before she leaves kindly pull out a few of these old stumps, as I know she'll be as kind and gentle as she was to you."

To Shoot the Moon.

When he first came prominently before the public after perfecting his famous gun, the late Lord Armstrong was occasionally pestered by cranks who wished to obtain his opinion respecting some perfectly unworkable invention. One day Sir William (he had not then been raised to the peerage) was interviewed by a person who was evidently crazy. He begged Armstrong's assistance in constructing a piece of ordnance that could shoot the man in the moon. Sir William listened patiently, and then queried: "But who is to signal whether it is a hit or a miss? When you've thought about a practical method of marking at that long range, I give you my promise that I'll help you with the gun!" The crack-brained inventor departed beaming with pleasure, but was heard of no more.

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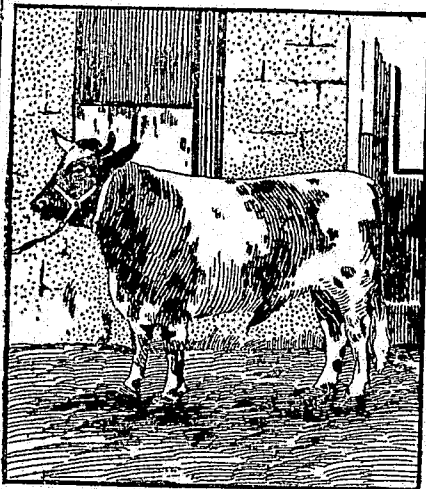
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FARM AND GARDEN

FEEDING ANIMALS.

Never Let the Calf Lose Its Baby Fat, but Add to It.

There has been considerable said on the importance of making rations appetizing and suggestions made which would contribute to that end. Water makes a food taste better, makes it more enjoyable and increases its value. Early cut hay, for instance, is best not only because it contains more protein than that cut late, but because its aroma and flavor make it more palatable. It is not well to feed animals too much at one time, as they pick out the most



GRADE SHORTHORN STEER. Age, 1,080 days; weight, 1,550 pounds. Mississippi experiment station.

desirable parts first and mess the other over, which detracts from its palatability and either entails loss of food or products, whereas feeding in different ways and less at a time would give better results from the same food. Managers, feed troughs and racks should be kept clean both from a sanitary standpoint and in order to make the foods more appetizing and to have more of it eaten and thus get better results, says H. J. Patterson of the Maryland station.

Shelter, Comfort and Kindness.

There are three factors in the feeding of animals that are as much neglected as any other, and, in fact, many people have come to study the needs for making a "well balanced ration" and have entirely ignored these essentials. The attention to shelter, comfort and kindness for animals will save many a pound of food and do much toward increasing the products obtained, no matter whether the returns are to be work performed, milk and butter or meat products.

Winter quarters for animals should be warm and dry and should be furnished with plenty of pure air and good sunlight. Stables should be well ventilated, but without being drafty. There is entirely too little attention paid to having the stable well lighted, especially to having such arrangements as to admit of a flood of sunlight. Sunlight is an effective destroyer of disease germs.

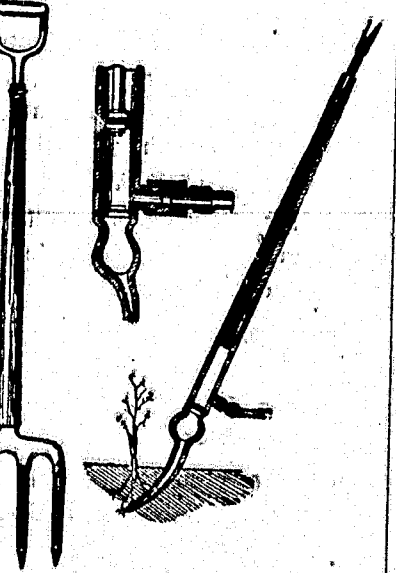
Whatever adds to the comfort of animals increases their ability to properly utilize the food and will enable them to give better returns for that which is being consumed. Kindness is an efficient aid in making animals more productive, and it costs nothing. Abuse and excitement will interfere with digestion and cause a loss of food and product. Kindness and petting make animals contented and put their nervous systems in a condition to properly utilize food and to return their fullest measure of profit.

Feeding For Beef.

In feeding for beef very different rules may be used as a guide from feeding for milk. Even with the calf the object is to produce as much fat as possible, at the same time making growth. If possible, the calf fat with which it is born should never be lost, but continually added to. This means forcing with plenty of muscle and fat-making foods. In feeding for beef more attention should be paid to the age of the animal and period of fattening than is commonly practiced.

Irrigating Garden Fork.

An irrigating garden fork has been constructed by a Florida gardener for the purpose of introducing liquid fertilizer or water to the roots of growing plants. The handle of the fork is a big



WATERS THE ROOT.

syringe, and each of the prongs is hollow, with a hole near the end. The fork is thrust into the ground and the contents ejected without removing any earth from around the plant.—Exchange.

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Reporter—The Woman's Own.
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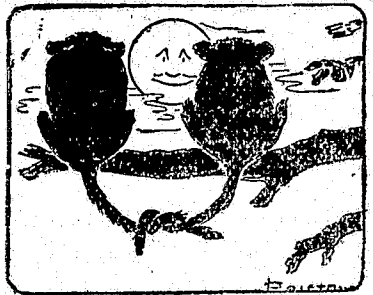
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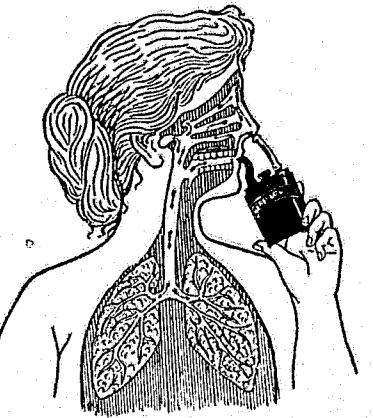
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YOUNG PEOPLE.

My Grandma.

ANNA PASCHALL.

My grandma sits in a rocking-chair,
By the window, in the sun;
She wears a soft little lacy cap,
And a big white apron over her lap,
And there's always room for a little girl there

That's tired of frolic and fun.
My grandma has always a pocket full
Of peppermint drops and cakes;
And she knows such pretty songs that she sings,
And stories about—oh, lots of things.

And sometimes she lets me wind the wool
For the stockings and things she makes.

She told me a queer thing the other day,
And she says it's really true—
My grandma had soft red cheeks one time,

And hair that was just as black as mine;
And she could run and tumble and play,
And all the things I can do!

I wish I had known my grandma then;
How very nice it would be
If grandma were little and played with me,

Dressing our dollies, and going to tea,
And swinging, and watching the bantle hen,
And climbing the cherry-tree!

But when we were too tired out to play,
And the sand-man crept along,
What should I do for my grandma's lap,
And her songs to drowsy me into a nap?
I'm glad my grandma is old and gray,
While I'm just little and young!

An Unhistoric Dark Day.

BERTHA E. BUSH.

They were sitting before the fire reading.

"Candles were lighted in the houses," read Jimmy. "The fowls retired to roost; the cocks were crowing all around as at the break of day; objects could not be distinguished but at very little distance; and everything bore the appearance and gloom of night."

"Well, so they do every night," said Jennie. "That's not wonderful."

"Oh, but this was in the daytime," said Jimmy. "The darkness began about ten o'clock in the morning and lasted all day long. The histories all tell of it, and call it the Dark Day. It was May 19, 1780."

Jennie's only answer was a great yawn, for she did not care for history as Jimmy did. The two were keeping house alone. Father and mother had gone to stay all day and all night. Jimmy and Jennie had celebrated by sitting up very late.

"How jolly it will be not to have anybody call us in the morning!" said Jimmy. "Let's sleep as late as we want to for once."

"Oh, no, let's get up early. There's lots to do, and we don't want father and mother to think we neglect things," said conscientious Jennie.

Fifteen minutes later they were both sound asleep, and only the old clock was left to make a noise in the farm kitchen. But the clock was not so faithful as usual. Something was wrong with it. In the middle of the night it stopped, and no ticking was heard for five hours. Then, without any apparent reason, it began again, as watches sometimes do.

The house was very still in the morning and the two children slept heavily. Jennie woke up first just in time to hear the clock strike.

"Jimmy, Jimmy, wake up!" she cried. "It's seven o'clock."

They had always been early risers at the farm, and seven o'clock seemed very late to them. Jimmy jumped up like a shot. He hurried to do the chores, and Jennie hurried to get the breakfast. It was a dull, cloudy day, and not a glimpse could they get of the sun. Jimmy went to his weeding, like the faithful farmer boy he was, and Jennie was very busy about the house till the clock struck twelve. Then she called Jimmy in to dinner. They were very merry at dinner, and ate a long time.

"How dark it is!" said Jennie, when the meal was fairly over. "It must be going to rain."

They hastened out to scan the sky, but no rain-cloud was to be seen, only the gray mist that had covered the sun all day.

"Why! Why-ee!" cried Jennie in astonishment. "The chickens

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are going to roost. Jimmy, it's another Dark Day!"

Jimmy ran into the house and brought out the book. He had to hold it close to his eyes to see in the dim light.

"Yes!" he cried, excitedly. "It's just the way it was then. We're having another Dark Day. Hooray! Go and look at the clock."

"A quarter past one," reported Jennie. "Jimmy, we'll have to light a lamp. Oh, I wish—I wish—that it was night, so that mother would come."

"Nonsense!" said Jimmy, although his own hands trembled queerly. "It's only living history over again. Don't be a coward, Jennie. Just think how grand it is to be alive on such a wonderful day."

"Don't go out to weed again!" begged Jennie. "Stay in the house with me."

So Jimmy stayed, and although he wouldn't have liked to own it, he was glad to stay. He even wiped the dishes, "for company," he said. At two o'clock a rattle of wheels was heard, and a buggy drove into the yard.

"It's mother!" cried Jennie, joyfully, and ran out, dish-cloth in hand. Mother got out with her arms full of packages and a beaming smile. But she looked at father queerly when she saw what the children were doing.

"Why, Jennie," she said, haven't you got your supper dishes done yet?"

"Supper!" cried Jimmy and Jennie. "Why, ma, you mean dinner! Did you come early because you thought we'd be afraid? We might have been if we hadn't read about the other Dark Day in the history last night."

"Early! Dark Day!" Mother looked up in astonishment. "What are you children thinking of? What time do you think it is?"

"Two o'clock in the afternoon," chorused Jimmy and Jennie, pointing to the clock.

Then mother laughed. Oh, how she laughed! The table fairly shook till all the dishes rattled.

"It's almost eight o'clock at night! The old clock must have stopped. O-father, father, did you ever hear of anything so funny?"

But Jimmy and Jennie did not think it so very funny. It was not till years after that they saw much amusement in their unhistoric Dark Day.

The Making of Character.

Few things are more significant than the slow and often unconscious building of a home for his spirit which every man carries to completion. When the birds build their nests, they have access to the same materials; but what different selections they make, and how far apart their methods are! Every one who comes into life has access to substantially the same material; but each selects that which belongs to him. By instinct or by intelligence he builds his home with unerring adaptation to the needs and quality of his nature. To the pure all things are pure; to the impure all things are impure. The unselfish construct a beautiful order of service and helpfulness about them; the selfish make their own places. Hon-

or and confidence and rectitude are in the air when the man of sensitive integrity appears; suspicion, mistrust and doubt pervade the place where the man without character abides. Clean and comforting thoughts fly to the pure in heart; debasing fancies gather like foul birds around the man whose imagination is a home of corruption. If we look deeply, a wonderful fitness reveals itself between those we know well and their several fortunes. Calamity may bear heavily upon them, but the moral world they construct for themselves out of the substance of their own natures is indestructible. Life is august and beautiful or squalid and mean as we interpret and use it; the materials are in all men's hands and the selection and structure inevitably and infallibly disclose the character of the builder. As a beautiful woman furnishes her home until it becomes an externalization of her own ideals and qualities and then fills it with the charm and sweetness of her own personality until it becomes a material expression of her own nature, so do we all silently, and for the most part unconsciously, form spiritual environments and fashion the world in which we live.—Great Thoughts.

Grandmother gave Annie and Willie an orange. "I wish there were two, but if you divide this one," she said, "each of you will get a taste." As Annie took the fruit-knife from the table, Willie remarked anxiously, "If one of us should sacrifice, I would get two tastes."

"What's the matter with your head, Midge?" asked a visitor on seeing a child's hair wound in curl-papers. Little Midge, whose two sisters have naturally curly hair, answered glibly, "Why, I have to do this because my hair is natcherly brady."

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Family Invitations.
It is a general rule that not more than three persons in the same household should accept an invitation. This rule may of course be broken when special circumstances seem to justify it. A daughter may accept an invitation to a house where her mother has never been asked, and members of a family should not feel hurt when some are invited and others left out. At the same time, in the case of weddings in church and for large general affairs a hostess should be careful to send invitations to all the members of a family which she knows well.

It is not polite to address the envelope inclosing an invitation "Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family."
There should be a separate invitation for the Misses Brown and another for the brothers in the household.

Cleaning Hints.
French satens may be cleaned by putting them in a lather of lukewarm soapuds, in which dissolve a cupful of salt. Put salt also in the rinsing water. Dip the article in thin starch and roll up in a clean sheet and in two hours iron on the wrong side. For washing blue or mauve gingham add a teaspoonful of washing soda to a gallon of cold rinsing water. This will bring out the colors, while a teaspoonful of vinegar to a gallon of water will improve pink or green prints. For black or navy blue wash in hot water containing a cupful of salt, rinse in very blue water and dry in the shade; then dip in very blue thin starch and when nearly dry iron on the wrong side with a moderately warm iron.

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A woman cannot be said to be truly attractive or popular unless she is loved and admired by the members of her own sex as well as the opposite. She must be welcomed by all, old and young, male and female, or she cannot be called an attractive woman without reservation.

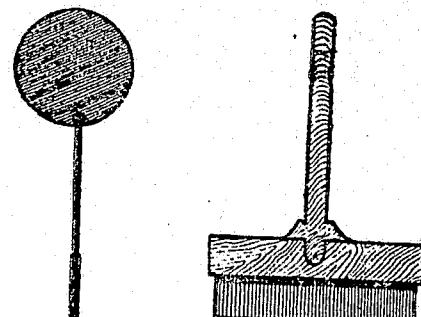
She must be herself, her best self, at all times and with all people. She must think and act for herself and express her own opinions, rather than try to copy some person she may admire or who is admired by the lords of creation. Individually, when combined with polite manner and tact, is always attractive. A woman's happy, infectious laugh is better than medicine or advice, and her cheery presence is as welcome as the sunshine.

A girl to be truly popular never says mean things about other girls, thinking that the men will like her better, and she doesn't try to monopolize the attentions of all the men at once, but is willing to let other girls have their share of admiration and attention along with her. She doesn't mope and retreat within herself if there are no men about to admire her, but she cheerfully sets about making the best of matters without them and making such companions as she has happier and brighter for her presence.

If she has a grievance, she keeps it to herself, for a woman with a grievance is very soon voted a bore. The weeping, fainting, sad eyed young woman is very much out of style nowadays, not only in novels, but in real life, and the healthy, happy, independent, cheerful and sunny girl has totally eclipsed her in popularity.—American Queen.

New Tools For the Cook.

The salamander iron, here illustrated, is one of the most useful of new acquisitions to the kingdom of the kitchen. It is a flat iron disk fastened to a handle. When thoroughly heated over coals, this iron is lifted and held over pastry, meringues, etc., which have not browned evenly in the oven, but which cannot be returned for fear of over-



BROWNING IRON.

DISH CLEANER.

baking. Thus one is able to obtain for such dishes an evenly browned appearance which adds to their appetizing attractiveness. Another useful thing is the new plate scraper here pictured. This plate scraper consists of a rubber piece several inches long attached to a white wood handle, so that it may be brushed over the most delicate china dishes without injuring them, removing from their surfaces every particle of grease and food.—Good Housekeeping.

Wholesome Discipline.

Don't try to make life too easy for the children. True, they will have lots of troubles in later life, but the childish ups and downs are a very good preparation for the struggle that awaits each one at "growing up." An undisciplined child grows into an undisciplined man or woman, a nuisance to himself and to every one else.

There is a theory now that children should not be made to get sums right; that all lessons should be play lessons. Make the lessons bright and attractive by all means. They can't be too much so. But do let lessons be lessons and play be play. Give lots of encouragement and every help, but let the child realize that if a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well and that doing well always means taking infinite pains.

That Touch of Black.

Most women do not realize the all importance of a touch of black in their evening gowns. A gown that lacks character may be redeemed by a knot of black velvet. A dress of pale pink or blue, which, though pretty, is not especially striking, may be touched up with black, and it will not look like the same garment. Of course it is a mistake to add too much black. That will make it look heavy—just a soft rosette of tulle or a bow and floating end of velvet. A trained gown faced with black satin will be both unique and serviceable.

For the Flatirons.

A sprig of evergreen—spruce, hemlock or cedar—is quite equal if not superior to wax for smoothing flatirons. It should be on the end of the ironing table or board and the hot iron passed quickly two or three times across the leaves, taking care not to touch any gum that may be exuding from the stem.

Cooking Odors.

If you want a boiled dinner and don't want to dine on the smell of it beforehand, tie a piece of charcoal in a bit of muslin and put it in the kettle with the cabbage. If you have a piece of corned beef to cook that is slightly tainted, do the same thing, and the meat will be thoroughly sweetened.

A Wet Veil.

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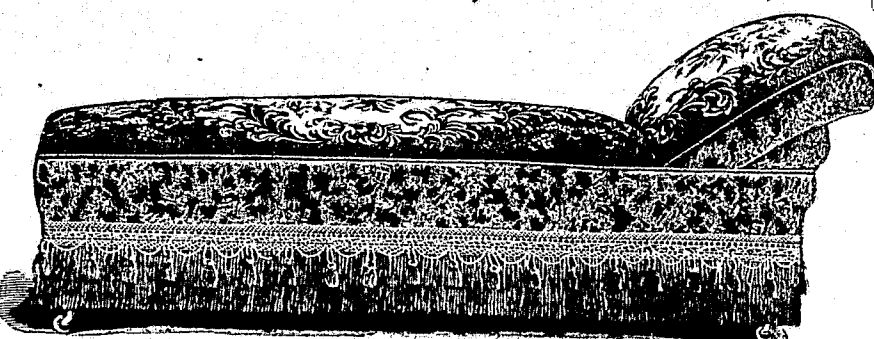
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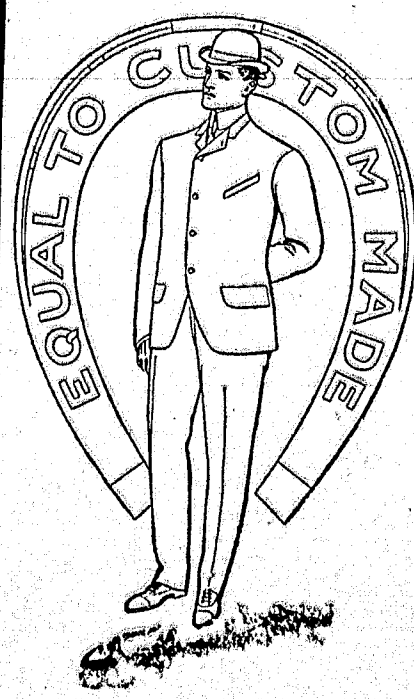
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